# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4219
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SHIFTING OF IFFI
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the annual International Film Festival of India has been shifted from January to October from this year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the film industry are protesting against shifting;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the place where the next IFFI will be held alongwith the dates?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF TH MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The dates of the International Film Festival of India have beenchanged from 10-20 January to 10-20 October from the IFFI 2001 as the internationalparticipation in terms of films and film personalities was not very satisfactory because the dates coincided with Christmas and new year celebrations.

(c) & (d): Initially some newspaper reports appeared in this regard and the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce also sent a letter to the Government. However, the Film Federation of India, which is the apex body of the film industry, have now endorsed the decision of the Government.

(e): The next IFFI is proposed to be held at Bangalore from 10th to 20th October, 2001.